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Carter to get briefing from CIA director

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Washington—Jimmy Carter's intelligence briefing next week—his first—will be given by George Bush, director of central intelligence, the White House announced yesterday.

Ronald H. Nessen, presidential news secretary, said Mr. Bush, at President Ford's orders, would go to Plains, Ga., Mr. Carter's home town, to give what was described as a "basic intelligence background." The same information would be provided to Senator Walter F. Mondale (D., Minn.), Mr. Carter's running mate, the press secretary said.

Mr. Ford, Mr. Nessen said, was thus fulfilling what has become a tradition of providing intelligence briefings for presidential candidates. The late President Lyndon B. Johnson personally briefed Richard M. Nixon in 1968, but Senator George McGovern (D., S.D.), the Democratic candidate in 1972, refused to accept such a briefing from Mr. Nixon four years ago.

Mr. Nessen refused to respond to questions as to whether Mr. Ford was bowing to Mr. Carter's reported unwillingness to be briefed by Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State, by assigning Mr. Bush to the task.

The President also met with Gov. James B. Longley of Maine yesterday.

Mr. Longley, an independent, told President Ford that

he feels the Republican party would be committing political suicide if it nominated Ronald Reagan for President.

Mr. Longley told reporters after a 30-minute meeting with Mr. Ford that he believes the GOP would destroy itself if it nominated Mr. Reagan and that a third party would result.

The governor said he met with Mr. Ford primarily to discuss problems of his state, including a high unemployment rate, possible cutbacks at Loring Air Force Base and the fight for the awarding of a Defense Department tank-machinegun contract to the Maremont Corporation, a Maine firm.